

IN THE CLAIMS

What is claimed:

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- 1 A system for transponder-enabled transactions, comprising:
a wireless interface (to a transponder) the wireless interface (for coupling
5 to the transponder at a point of sale; and
a transaction interface, communicating with the wireless interface, the
transaction interface operative (to communicate with at least one network-
enabled transaction device to permit the execution of a transaction at the point
of sale.)
- 10 2. The system of claim 1, wherein the wireless interface comprises
at least one of an RF interface and an infrared interface.
3. The system of claim 1, wherein the transaction interface
comprises a connection to a point of sale device.
4. The system of claim 3, wherein the point of sale device
15 comprises an electronic sale register.
5. The system of claim 1, wherein the transponder stores account
information which is accessible to execute the transaction.
6. The system of claim 5, wherein the account information
comprises at least one of transponder ID information, account number
20 information, account type information, account balance information, and
account limit information.

7. The system of claim 1, wherein the transponder is embedded in a personal article.

8. The system of claim 1, further comprising a data interface to a data processing facility, the data processing facility communicating with the transaction device to execute the transaction.

9. The system of claim 1, further comprising a network registration interface, the network registration interface permitting an account subscriber to register the transponder with an account.

10. The system of claim 1, wherein the transaction interface is operable to communicate with a transaction server to execute the transaction.

Sub B2 11. A method of transponder-enabled transactions, comprising:

a) coupling to a transponder at a point of sale via a wireless interface; and

b) communicating with at least one network-enabled transaction device via a transaction interface to permit the execution of a transaction at the point of sale.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the wireless interface comprises at least one of an RF interface and an infrared interface.

13. The method of claim 11, wherein the transaction interface comprises a connection to a point of sale device.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the point of sale device comprises an electronic sale register.

15. The method of claim 11, further comprising a step of c) storing account information which is accessible to execute the transaction in the transponder.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the account information
5 comprises at least one of transponder ID information, account number information, account type information, account balance information, and account limit information.

17. The method of claim 11, wherein the transponder is embedded in a personal article.

10 18. The method of claim 11, further comprising communicating with a the data processing facility to execute the transaction.

Sus B3 19. The method of claim 11, further comprising a step of e) permitting an account subscriber to register the transponder with an account via a network registration interface.

15 20. The method of claim 11, wherein the transaction interface is operable to communicate with a transaction server to execute the transaction.

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